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Group Art Unit: 1744

Docket No.: WACHTR 3.0-001

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In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

CLEANING TIRE RIMS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 27, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

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IN THE CLAIMS

1.-4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) A brush for cleaning system for cleaning or polishing tire rims with a power tool, said system comprising:

a power tool;

a brush having a shaft having a first end and a second end, said first end being adapted to be engageable with the power tool, said first end of said shaft being smooth and said shaft having a length between 14 to 20 inches;

a locking hub disposed at said first end of said shaft, said hub being adapted to engage the power tool thereby locking the shaft to the power tool; and

a plurality of bristles, said bristles connected to and extending outward from said shaft, wherein said plurality of bristles have a length extending from the shaft in a range of 3.5 to 6 inches.

- 6. (currently amended) The <u>brush</u> <u>cleaning system</u> as claimed in claim 5, wherein said length of said shaft is between 16-18 inches.
- 7. (currently amended) The <u>cleaning systembrush</u> as claimed in claim 5, wherein said length of said plurality of bristles is between 4 to 5 inches.
- 8. (currently amended) The <u>cleaning systembrush</u> as claimed in claim 5, wherein said bristles are nylon.
- 9. (currently amended) The <u>cleaning systembrush</u> as claimed in claim 5, wherein said shaft is comprised of at least two strands of intertwined stainless steel.

- 10. (currently amended) The <u>cleaning systembrush</u> as claimed in claim 5, wherein said shaft has a diameter measured at approximately 3/8 of an inch.
- 11. (currently amended) The <u>cleaning systembrush</u> as claimed in claim 5, the brush having a second end, said shaft having a loop at said second end, said loop having bristles extending outwardly in a direction away from said first end of said shaft.
- 12. (currently amended) The <u>cleaning systembrush</u> as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a cloth material disposed on an end of at least some of said bristles.
- 13. (currently amended) The <u>cleaning systembrush</u> as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a protection element on said second end of said shaft.
 - 14. (cancelled)
- 15. (currently amended) The <u>cleaning systembrush</u> according to claim 5, further comprising a wedge attached to said shaft, said wedge having a contoured face for forcing said plurality of bristles in a direction away from said first end.
- 16. (currently amended) The <u>cleaning systembrush</u> according to claim 5, further comprising a top element, said top element being fastened to said second end and including a second plurality of bristles, wherein at least some of said second plurality of bristles are angled away from said first end of said brush.
 - 17.-19. (cancelled)